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2. Matthew Baird (Director of Training) telephoned to say that Delegate John A. Burns of Hawaii had again telephoned him asking for written material on the [redacted] matter. Colonel Baird indicated some reluctance to provide material but had offered to Mr. Burns to speak to Senator Lyndon Johnson. Colonel Baird was advised that this office had no objection to his providing, on an unclassified basis, written material so long as it was not connected with the Agency or signed by Colonel Baird and not attributed to either.

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file → 3. Mr. Reiter in Congressman William C. Cramer's office (R., Fla.) telephoned in connection with H. R. 5186. He indicated Mr. Cramer had given considerable study to the problem of making it a crime to conspire to commit terrorist activities and indicated that both J. Edgar Hoover and Harry J. Anslinger were against the bill. However, the Congressman was

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still speculating whether or not it might be desirable to set up an anti-conspiracy section in the Department of Justice. He requested that we consider this bill and their views and in the near future make arrangements to discuss the situation with Mr. Cramer.

4. The DCI, accompanied by Messrs. Amery, Saunders and Warner met with Representative Clarence Cannon and Representative John Taber to discuss the [redacted] NIS budget item. Also present were Kenneth Sprankle and Sam Crosby. After a discussion of the situation both Cannon and Taber

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[redacted] marked up. Mr. Cannon indicated it was most unusual in any event for the full committee to take a different position on budget matters than the subcommittee reporting the bill. Mr. Cannon then had a private discussion with the DCI and Mr. Taber in which the Berlin situation was discussed. Mr. Crosby also mentioned the TRUE article and the DCI promised to send him an analysis which Mr. Amery is in the process of preparing.

5. Mr. Bischoff called and said that Mr. Payne of his office would attend the hearings on S. 94 (the Health-Insurance bill) tomorrow.

6. Roland Severy of the Bureau of the Budget called to say that the State Department had suggested certain perfecting changes in H. R. 5007, the Overseas Allowance Act. These changes occur in section 311 of Part B on Storage. Mr. Severy assumes that we will desire similar changes in subsections which relate to CIA. He was advised that we will look into this and call back.

7. [redacted] Security Office, called and requested a list of committees and staff members on the Hill with whom we have frequent contact. This information will assist him in providing clearance information for us on these individuals.

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86TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5186

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1959

Mr. CRAMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To punish the use of interstate commerce in furtherance of conspiracies to commit terroristic crimes and activities, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the analysis of chapter 19 of title 18 of the United
4 States Code is amended by inserting immediately after item
5 372 the following new item:

“373. Conspiracy to commit terroristic crimes; penalties.”

6 SEC. 2. Title 18 of the United States Code is further
7 amended by inserting immediately after section 372 of such
8 title the following new section:

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1 "§ 373. Conspiracy to commit terroristic crimes; penalties

2 " (a) Whoever travels or causes another to travel in
3 interstate or foreign commerce or uses or causes to be used
4 any interstate communication for the purpose of committing
5 any terroristic offense prohibited by this section shall be
6 fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than
7 five years, or both.

8 "As used in this section, the term 'terroristic offense'
9 means any offense proscribed by the laws of or the com-
10 mon law as recognized in any State relating to extortion,
11 blackmail, murder, racketeering, narcotics, maiming, or as-
12 sault with intent to inflict great bodily harm, and punishable
13 by imprisonment in a penitentiary or by death.

14 " (b) If as a result of the violation of subsection (a) of
15 this section any person is murdered, maimed, or subjected
16 to great bodily harm, the punishment shall be: (1) death,
17 if any person is murdered and if the verdict of the jury shall
18 so recommend; (2) imprisonment for any term of years
19 or for life if any person is murdered and if the death penalty
20 is not imposed; or (3) imprisonment for not more than ten
21 years if any person is maimed or subjected to great bodily
22 harm."

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By Mr. CRAMER

MARCH 8, 1959

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